



Air Resources Board



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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Analysis to Identify Potentially Significant Environmental Effects of the Proposed Cap-and-Trade Regulation

Public Meeting on Cap-and-Trade Program Environmental Analysis

ARB is preparing a Functional Equivalent Document (FED) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to identify potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed Cap-and-Trade regulation and feasible mitigation measures for such impacts. The cap-and-trade regulation and protocols for offsets will be considered by the Board in late 2010. The meeting will serve as the scoping meeting for the environmental document. Public and agency comments will be recorded to assist ARB in determining the scope and content of the FED.

Meeting Time and Location

As a convenience to the public, this meeting will have a call-in option. If attending in person, we encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. This meeting will be held at the following location:

Date: Monday, August 23rd, 2010
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Training Room 2 2nd Floor
Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 “I” Street
Sacramento, CA 95812
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

Call-in instructions: Dial (888) 989-0728
Enter participant passcode: 7474518

Background

The AB 32 Scoping Plan, California's framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, incorporates a range of measures including the creation of a cap-and-trade program. On November 24, 2009 ARB released a [Preliminary Draft Regulation](#) (PDR) for the cap-and-trade system.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and California Air Resources Board (ARB) policy require an analysis to determine any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts of ARB's regulations and projects. The Natural Resources

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Agency Secretary determined that ARB meets the criteria for a Certified State Regulatory Program (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15251(d)). This certification allows ARB to adopt rules, regulations, standards and plans, and exempts ARB from the requirement to prepare Initial Studies, Notices of Preparation, Negative Declarations or Environmental Impact Reports. As a certified agency, however, ARB is required to prepare a functional equivalent document (FED) that is subject to other provisions of CEQA, such as avoiding significant adverse effects on the environment where feasible.

The analysis shall include reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures that would avoid or eliminate significant impacts. The analysis is not required to engage in speculation. A detailed project-level analysis is also not required.

Meeting Materials

The meeting materials will be posted prior to the meeting at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm#publicmeetings>. At this website, you may join our electronic mailing list to receive notices of ARB activities and public meetings.

Written comments should be submitted at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/comments.htm> by August 31st 2010 at 6:00 pm.

If you have questions, please contact Yvette DiCarlo, Office of Climate Change, at (916) 322-7202, or ydicarlo@arb.ca.gov

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact the Office of Climate Change at 916-322-2037 as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,
/s/
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